

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

1. (Previously presented.) A process for preparing an enzyme containing particle, said process comprising spray drying a fermentation broth starting material comprising an enzyme and a biomass, to obtain a solid particle comprising an enzyme and a biomass.
2. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the fermented microorganism in the biomass is a strain selected from *Bacillus*, *Candida*, *Hansenula*, *Kluyveromyces*, *Pichia*, *Saccharomyces*, *Schizosaccharomyces*, *Yarrowia*, *Acremonium*, *Aspergillus*, *Fusarium*, *Humicola*, *Mucor*, *Myceliophthora*, *Neurospora*, *Penicillium*, *Thielavia*, *Tolypocladium*, and *Trichoderma*.
3. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the enzyme is selected from oxidoreductases (EC 1.-.-.-), transferases (EC 2.-.-.-), hydrolases (EC 3.-.-.-), lyases (EC 4.-.-.-), isomerases (EC 5.-.-.-) and ligases (EC 6.-.-.-).
4. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the biomass in the solid particle constitutes at least 10% of the biomass originating from the fermentation broth starting material.
5. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 4, wherein the biomass in the solid particle constitutes at least 50% of the biomass originating from the fermentation broth starting material.
6. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 5, wherein the biomass in the solid particle constitutes at least 75% of the biomass originating from the fermentation broth starting material.
7. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 6, wherein the biomass in the solid particle constitutes at least 90% of the biomass originating from the fermentation broth starting material.
8. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the broth contains 0-30% w/w dry

matter.

Claims 9-10 (Cancelled.)

11. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, further comprising de-sludging of the broth before spray drying.

Claims 12-13 (Withdrawn.)

14. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, wherein additives selected from inorganic salts, inorganic minerals or clays, carbohydrates, coloring pigments, cellulose or derivatives thereof, biocides, dispersants, anti foaming agents, viscosity regulating agents, acid agents, alkaline agents, enzyme stabilizers, enzyme inhibitors, binders, other enzymes and combinations thereof has been added to the starting material.

15. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the starting material has been subjected to a physical treatment selected from heating, cooling, radiating, mixing, aerating and ultra-sound treatment.

Claim 16 (Cancelled.)

17. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the starting material has been sterilised.

18. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the starting material has been treated to hydrolyse polynucleotides present in the starting material.

19. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the fermentation broth contains at least 3 mg active enzyme protein per liter liquid phase.

20. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the starting material has a viscosity of 5-5000 cps.

21. (Previously presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the spray drying comprises the step of atomising the starting material by means of an atomising device selected from high speed rotating disk atomizers, pressure nozzle atomizers, pneumatic nozzle atomizers, sonic nozzle atomizers and Rayleigh atomisers.

22. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 21, wherein the atomising device is a Rayleigh atomiser.

23. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, further comprising the step of additional drying of the spray dried particles in a fluid bed dryer.

24. (Previously presented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the spray dried particles has a SPAN value below about 2.5.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn.)

26. (Previously presented.) A particle comprising an enzyme and a biomass.

27. (Previously presented.) The particle of claim 26, obtained from a process selected from spray drying a fermentation broth, granulating a spray dried fermentation broth, coating a spray dried fermentation broth and granulating and coating a spray dried fermentation broth.

28. (Previously presented.) A composition comprising the particles of claim 26.

Claim 29-31 (Cancelled.)

32. (Previously presented.) A process for preparing an enzyme containing particle, said process comprising spray drying a sterilized fermentation broth starting material comprising an enzyme and a biomass, to obtain a solid particle comprising an enzyme and a biomass.